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MEMORANDUM

To: Legislative Oversight Committee Members

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From: Mike Moseley Non

Re: **Communication Bulletin #079**

Single Stream Funding

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Section 10.49(y) of the 2007-2009 Appropriations Act, HB 1473, requires the Department of Health and Human Services to "designate two additional local management entities to receive all State allocations through single stream funding" by September 1, 2007. Virtually every LME has contacted my office requesting to receive single stream funding.

We have decided to give single stream designation at this time to the Durham Center and East Carolina Behavioral Health (ECBH), the newly formed LME created by the merger of Neuse, Pitt, Roanoke-Chowan and Beaufort County. We believe that adding these two programs retains the balance of urban and rural LMEs that we had attempted to honor in our previous selections (Piedmont, Smoky Mountain, Guilford, Mecklenburg, Five County and Sandhills) and also gives greater geographic representation.

I realize that all of the other LMEs that have requested single stream funding are still very interested in being given that funding flexibility. The same section of HB 1473 that requires us to name two additional LMEs to single stream funding also requires us to develop clear standards for how other LMEs may qualify for single stream funding in the future. Those criteria will be developed by October 1, 2007. Following the publication of the criteria, we will invite all interested LMEs to demonstrate that they meet those standards. Any LME that is successful in that effort will also be designated to receive their state services funding through the single stream methodology.

If you have any questions regarding this issue, please contact Phillip Hoffman, Chief of Resource and Regulatory Management, at (919)715-7774 or Phillip.Hoffman@ncmail.net.

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